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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Budget Briefing for SSCI Staffer

1. On 8 March 1984 Ed Levine, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) staffer, was briefed on the commo upgrade, new building and personnel, as arranged by the Office of the Comptroller.

2. Mr. William Donnelly, Director of Communications, and [redacted] were the briefers for the commo upgrade. [redacted] gave an update on the Office of Communications capitalization program. Due to the fact that the cost of large equipment is directly related to the numbers purchased, Levine wanted to know how it was decided which equipment [redacted] would be purchased each year and whether it be more cost effective to stockpile. Mr. Donnelly said that this was closely watched and the decision also had to be based on what was needed to get the equipment in an operating mode. Stockpiling did not always save money. Levine was also interested in how it was decided who would have shielded enclosures. Levine, as he had done previously, expressed his concern for the large [redacted] He was told that Communications was working on reducing its personnel in these two areas.

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3. [redacted] new building coordinator, and Mr. Daniel King, Director of Logistics, gave an update on the construction budget and timeframe of the new building. Levine was interested in the thermal storage facility and the security of the new building during construction. Levine asked for more detail on each phase of the building construction.

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4. Mr. Robert Magee, Director of Personnel, answered questions on personnel. Levine's first concern was whether we had lowered our standards in order to hire more personnel. Mr. Magee said that he did not feel this was true. CIA has always hired four-year college graduates; graduate degrees are not always required. Levine requested a statistical paper on new hires which shows the breakdown of numbers with a foreign language, which languages, etc.



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